

## NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

## Second Nine Weeks

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PEANUT ESSAY WINNERS...The Coffee County 4-H Peanut Essay Winners for 1995 were: 1st place-Rachel Grimes, 6th grader at Kinston, daughter of Randy and Joanne Grimes; 2nd place-Traci Whitaker, 7th grader at Coppinville, daughter of Sue Medley; and 3rd place-Becky Dawn, 6th grader at Kinston, daughter of Diane Dawn. Shown above (l to r) are Rachel Grimes; Mrs. Northrop, principal of Kinston Elementary School; and Becky Dawn.

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## Overweight trucks causing costly damage to highways

When engineers plan and design highways and bridges to move people and goods safely and quickly from place to place, their work is based on the weight of the heaviest loaded tractor-trailer truck allowed by law.

In fact, engineers say that the weight on one fully loaded 18-wheel truck causes the same damage as 9,600 regular-sized automobiles to highways and bridges. Those figures are used in the design of each highway and bridge in Alabama's 11,000-mile highway system.

Despite the weight factors built into the design of roads and bridges, every time a truck carrying a load greater than the legal weight limit travels over highways and bridges, it causes costly damage that taxpayers must pay for in the way of expensive repair, maintenance and, in some cases, road and bridge replacement.

Today, more than 2,000 miles of highway in Alabama need repair or replacement and 116 bridges need to be replaced. Hundreds more need repairs and improvement.

The maximum legal weight for vehicles of any type to travel highways in Alabama is 80,000 pounds. Heavier weights are allowed by special permits when more axles are added or other steps are taken to reduce the weight damage on the highway surface.

Highway engineers say overweight trucks and frequency of that weight being applied to the highways and bridges are the major factors causing wear and deterioration, not weather and the environment.

Weather and environment do not change at the centerline of a highway pavement. Yet the right or the left side of the road is the one carrying most of the heavy truck traffic will typically be in much worse condition than the left or passing lane.

Since the effects of weather and environment are the same on both the right and left lanes, the difference in wear between the lanes can be clearly attributed to the greater frequency of heavy truck loads onto the right lane or the one most used by trucks.

The heavy truck loads on the right lane will often cause cracks to appear here first. Water then seeps into the cracks. Continued exposure of heavy truck loads, mixed with water, speeds the rate of deterioration.

Those who use the highways and bridges must pay for the repairs - and in some cases, replacements - forced by the repeated use of weight loads over the legal limit.

Almost all of the funds to build, maintain and replace highways and bridges come from highway user taxes and fees, such as gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and registration and inspection fees.

When overweight trucks tear their way along Alabama's highways, more of the highway user fees go to pay for repairs and maintenance, instead of being used for badly needed new highways and bridges.

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SEVERAL POLICE MATTERS CONSUME MUCH OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S MEETING TIME

## New Brockton's City Council spends hour behind closed doors

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The New Brockton City Council spent a solid hour in executive session with City Attorney Joe Sawyer Monday night talking about the police chief. Throughout the hour the chief and another policeman came and went from the room.

Apparently Chief Charles Driggers did something city officials didn't like because the hum of voices coming from the mayor's office became a roar at times. At one time the city clerk opened the door and told council members their voices were loud enough to be heard outside the closed room.

After the group returned to open session, council member Charles Cole made a motion recommending the mayor reprimand Chief Driggers in writing and explain what is expected of him and the letter become a part of the council minutes. Council members voted unanimously in favor of the motion and Mayor Ka-

thy Holly indicated she would write the letter.

The chief reported the police had received 11 complaints during the month. They made 15 arrests and issued 29 traffic citations. These citations included three for DUI and one for child restraint violation.

The rescue squad made 17 runs and the fire department responded to one fire.

Chief Driggers reported that Officer Griswold completed the Intoxilizer school and scored 98 on the final test.

A request to send two officers to a one day school in Bay Minette was denied by the council. They did urge the participation in a school in Greenville because it is cheaper and would be more beneficial to the officers.

The council also asked Driggers to look into attending some of the house continuing education classes being held by the Enterprise Police Department.

The council approved the purchase of five new bulletproof vests for the police at the state bid price of \$359 each. The present vests expire in April. Part of the money will come from the funds donated to the department by UPS.

A police walkie talkie had been stolen from a private vehicle several months ago and the car owner's insurance company reportedly has mailed a check for the loss. The check is apparently lost, according to the mayor, but a replacement is being requested.

Linda Weeks and Ray Slawson appeared before the council on a garbage can problem at Weeks' home, which is owned by Slawson.

They were contesting a \$109.89 bill for a time period when there was no can at the McKinnon Street residence, in spite of repeated request to the contractor for a container.

The council heard Weeks explain that a previous city employee kept marking the charge off her utility bill, but it would show up next month.

After some discussion, the council voted to forgive the charge from Linda Weeks' bill and charge it back to the contractor as had been previously decided by the council and spread upon the minutes of the city council. "That should get his attention," one council member said.

The council approved paying Phil Rudd \$40 per voting machine to set them up for the 1996 New Brockton city elections.

Appointed the city clerk, Linda Dillow, as Deputy Registrar.

Approved a motion to maintain the voting district lines as they existed for the last election. Holly asked if any council member knew of a significant change in voters in any district to warrant changing the lines. There were none.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

This part of the country has been in the grips of some record breaking cold air during the past week. Now it is warming up and it seems like a heat wave is upon us. It is not a time to relax, because all of us will be faced with very large utility bills because of efforts to counteract the cold. While paying our monthly gas bill Monday in the middle of the cold snap, we commented that it seemed high, but complaining would wait until the weather was warmer!

The Alabama legislature completed the special session on "tort reform" without any reform. That was no surprise to anyone watching the activity closely, as it became obvious early on that gridlock had hit the Alabama Senate as opposing forces hunkered down for the duration. In this corner, there are some very definite opinions on the whole issue, but things had become so muddy in Montgomery last week, we ain't sure if any of what was being considered would fit our needs or opinions. There is still our nagging belief that "juries of your peers" are the ones who decide these monetary awards, not the lawyers. The best long range solution probably is to educate potential jurors about what actually is the ultimate payer of these judgments. It might also be reasonable for the lawyer associations to develop a more conservative fee schedule, especially for the higher end judgments, and urge their members to adopt the plan, thus giving more of the awards to the injured parties. Now that we have solved that issue, it is time to move on to the national scene.

Debate continues on flat tax plans to replace the present unpopular federal income tax laws. All sorts of politicians are proposing their version of the flat tax, and ain't none of them truly "flat." Each gives varying amounts and types of exemptions and sets different percentages of incomes taxes to charge everyone. Applying our personal income to each and every case, it wasn't hard to find a favorite. However, our ideas often differ from the majority, and probably the same is true for our personal financial situation. It was all fun, but after the speculation was over, reality that it will never come to pass began to set in like granite.

All the book readers out there can join the chase to discover exactly whodunit... who is the anonymous author of the book Primary Colors. It is a story being promoted as the inside story on President Clinton's 1992 campaign for the U.S. presidency. The book is getting a lot of press and early on is selling well. The jury is still out on whether the book is really good, or if the mystery of authorship is what is selling. Those who know say it must be a close insider, because the quotes from inter circle meetings are very accurate. Another possibility is that it is an inside job, which everyone involved is aware of and the "anonymous" is just a selling gimmick. We promise to lose very little sleep over this earth shattering matter.

The mines in Bosnia have claimed the life of the first American serviceman. The Army sergeant was killed in an area reportedly already cleared of mines. His sister was quoted asking how he lost his life while on a peace keeping mission. It is a good question.

Never think for one minute you have seen or heard it all. We read this week of a group of college students defending some more "rights". The argument is that capitalizing sentences is unfair to the other letters in the sentence. They also are opposed to "correct punctuation" as a way to control women. Such blatant violations of individual rights really upsets us. Actually, we think these kids are awful bored with life and need to pick cotton a few weeks each summer.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Special session wasted half million taxpayer dollars

Garrett Moore  
State Representative

I've been approached by friends and acquaintances regarding the "special session" we've just completed. The general consensus seems to be that we "weren't doin' a darn thing". Well, that's mostly true.

I must say, it's not because we didn't try. In the House of Representatives my colleagues and I took just three days to pass a package of bills, 17 in all, addressing the things necessary to reform our civil liability laws without abridging anyone's right to a trial by jury. This left nine legislative days to debate, substitute, amend, or in other words, compromise. With proper debate in the Senate, we felt we had given plenty of

time for counter offers. This was not to be. Of the 17 bills passed by the House by overwhelming margins, the Senate never debated sixteen of them. The only bill debated on the Senate floor was the Governor's constitutional amendment. It was substituted for our constitutional amendment. The Governor had the best of intentions. Write a punitive damage cap scale in the form of a Constitutional Amendment that he felt had a chance of passing a popular vote of the people. He was more interested in having Lt. Gov. Don Seigelman's and Senate Judiciary Chairman Roger Bedford's agreement than the conservative



Bedford the perfect cover. The deeper issues of tort reform were never going to see the light of day in Bedford's committee. Mini-Code revisions, Fraud Statutes, Jury Selection, Modified Loser Pays, these and many more never saw debate.

The bottom line is that the Trial Lawyers had their line drawn in the sand. And so did we. The unstoppable force had met the immovable object. The result...one half million of our

tax dollars wasted. I hope a lesson has been learned. As long as the Governor splits from his party's stance on this issue I see no way for progress to be made. You've got to dance with the ones that bring ya'. Bad advice leads to bad decisions.

In order to reform our courts, keeping them open to all, but exploited by none, we have to start at the top. Our Supreme Court determines the direction of our progress. At election time we must elect judges that are conservative and not backed by the big money of the Trial Lawyers. If we do that, then the legislature will set the standards with general law without fear that a stacked court will strike down laws responsibly.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

JAN. 30, 1996 Thru FEB. 5, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 30, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one menacing, one hit & run, four burglaries, four thefts of property, one assault, three criminal mischiefs, one vehicle burglary, one possession of a forged instrument, one harassment, one shooting, one theft of services, and one missing person.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for menacing and one for failure to appear. The following traffic citations were issued during the week: three for speeding.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30** - River stage - 12.19 feet (6:16 a.m.); Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (8:49 a.m.); Disturbance (subject with a gun) at Elba Villas (4:31 p.m.); Fight reported on Hickman Ave. (5:11 p.m.); Fight reported in front of Rusty Gray's (8:57 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31** - Rescue run to a residence on N. 377 (3:00 a.m.); River stage - 12.76 feet (6:08 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Co. Rd. 239 (1:11 p.m.); Alarm at a business on N. Factory Ave. (4:52 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Guyton St. (10:21 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1** - River stage - 12.29 feet (6:18 a.m.); Burglary reported at Hickory House (8:06 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (8:39 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2** - River stage - 10.86 feet (6:02 a.m.); Burglary reported at Customized Cleaners (7:01 a.m.); Burglary reported at Home Health Services (7:47 a.m.); Burglary reported at the office in Morrow Village (8:03 a.m.); Vehicle reported burglarized on N. Claxton Ave. (8:35 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in the Zion Chapel Community (9:38 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Teresa St. (4:32 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3** - Disturbance reported on West Ave. (12:37 p.m.); River stage - 18.44

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (other City Council meeting)  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
LEONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building  
MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri - 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 894-3853  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITARIANS ASSN. - 3rd Sat - 7 p.m. - Club House  
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
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## NBTC (Continued from Page One)

parked in the city park with a For Sale sign in the window. "That is not a used car lot", she said. The owner was identified as a city employee and the police chief agreed to handle the matter.

Council member Charles Cole read a letter from the Progressive Circle of Enterprise commending the professional conduct of the New Brockton Police Department during the Martin Luther King Day march held in New Brockton.

Council member Robert Miles asked that the minutes reflect that a police officer goes to a call on his personal car only in an emergency and if a police car is not available, Miles was reacting to a repair bill for a car involved in a wreck with a policeman going on a call. He said he thought the other party was at fault, but the city was still paying the bill.

Council member Jack Cardinale asked the status of the requested meeting with county commissioners on recent disagreements. Holley said she was waiting for an opinion letter from the Attorney General before attempting to schedule such a meeting.



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## Collins joins local real estate firm

A local real estate firm, United Realty/Dubose Realty, has announced the addition of an agent/broker.

Karen Green Collins, a native of the Zion Chapel Community, is now affiliated with the Elba firm.

She has been in the real estate business for the past five years dealing primarily in residential and rural properties.

For the last three years, Collins was associated with the W.W. Sellers Realty and dealt primarily with timberland and other large acreage. She has had her broker's license for the past year.

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## AREA DEATHS

AMMIE JEAN MCKINNON  
Ammie Jean McKinnon, age 53 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, January 25, 1996.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 1996 from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Elba, AL with Rev. J.R. Parks officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Rev. Virgil Coleman officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Rubin McKinnon of Elba, AL; 6 children, Yvette Renee McKinnon Flowers (Leandra), Rubin McKinnon II (Harriet), Raynard McKinnon and Koshanda McKinnon, all of Elba, AL; Richard McKinnon (Yuleonda) of Huntsville, AL; and Ronald McKinnon of Florence, AL; 15 grandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Pastine and A.Z. Cole; four sisters, Inez Fincher (Chico) and Cynthia Echols (Michael), both of Apopka, Florida; Winston Wheatley of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Bessie Bass of Enterprise, AL; three brothers, Louie F. White (Jill) of Apopka, Florida; Winston Knox (Mary Alice) and Wilford Knox (Shelma), both of Elba, AL; two sisters-in-law, Lillie Mae Dixon (Thomas) and Mary Alice Rivers; one brother-in-law, Willie C. Anderson (Mary), all of St. Petersburg, FL; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 3, 1996 from the Rainer Funeral Home of Ory, AL.

Burial followed in Peaceful Acres with Rainer Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Helms of Kinross, AL; three daughters, Julia Newhouse of Elberton, Georgia; Jane Flowers of Tallahassee, Florida; and Janelle Smith of Kinross, AL; two sons, Bryan Helms of Scottsboro, AL; and Hugh Helms of Kinross, AL; three sisters, Ruth Bess and Betty Perry, both of Kinross, AL; Nell Hare of Montgomery, AL; 6 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 1996 from the Hebron Baptist Church of Coffee County, Alabama, with Frank Lowery officiating.

Survivors include two sons, Randy Soykin of Los Angeles, California and Gary Soykin of St. Louis, MO; two brothers, Bud Lambert of Las Vegas, Nevada and Darwin (Dooley) Lambert of Troy, AL; four sisters, Willie Crocker of Montgomery, AL; Deane Hughes and Nancy Lorraine, both of St. Louis, MO; and Judy Boutwell of Jack, AL.

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With its headquarters in Elba, Alabama, the National Security Group, Inc., is an insurance holding company. Its shares are traded in the over-the-counter market under the NASDAQ symbol NSEC.

Mr. Belcher received his B.S. degree in political science from Tuskegee University. He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Alabama and his Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Auburn University of Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Belcher has served his state in many capacities, received many distinguished awards and commendations and is a published author. This veteran of the U.S. Army now holds several state positions. An Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama, Chief of the Constitutional Litigation of Incorporated Persons Division, Director of the Attorney General's Office College and Law School Internship Program, and the coordinator for the Attorney General's Office Continuing Legal Education Program.

He is a native of Elba, the son of Grover and Eria Belcher, and the grandson of the late Tillman and Nettie R. Lindsey and the late Oliver and Hissie Belcher.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Tabasha Hudson, Shelly McDaniel, and Dawn Behrens.

by Regina Austin & Kayla Phillips

**Heather Hudson** is the daughter of Tabasha and Chuck Hudson. Her hobbies are riding her 4-wheeler and playing with her friends. She is a member of SADD and Country Cathedral. The thing she likes most about E.H.S. is the vending machines and P.E.

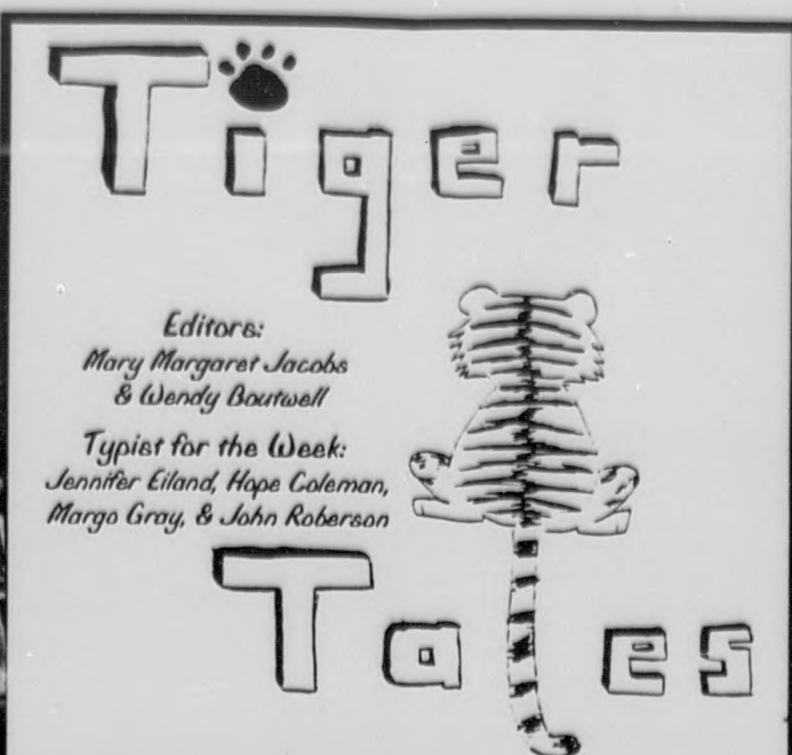
**Dawn Behrens** is the daughter of Mickie and Paul Behrens. Her hobbies include skating, swimming, and playing the clarinet. She attends First Assembly of God. Her greatest accomplishment is making good grades.

**Shelly McDaniel** is the daughter of Michelle Stephens. Her hobbies include being with Pete and doing hair. She is a member of FBLA and FBLA. She is a member of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Her greatest accomplishment is making it to the tenth grade.

**Latisha Reed** is the daughter of Susan Reed. Her hobbies include talking and being with friends. She is a member of FBLA, FBLA, and Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. The thing she likes most about E.H.S. is her friends.

**Tawana Thomas** is the daughter of Amelia Carpenter. Her hobbies include talking on the phone, singing, and tripping out with friends. She is a member of FBLA and Shady Grove A.M.E. Baptist Church. The thing she likes most about E.H.S. is her friends.

**Shelly McDaniel** is the daughter of Dennis and Beverly McDaniel. Her hobbies include talking on the phone, meeting new people, and spending time with friends. She is a member of FBLA, Chi Alpha Mu, Spanish Club, and Westside Baptist Church. Her greatest accomplishment is having lots of friends.



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Margo Gray, & John Robinson

## Counselor's Corner

by Jenny Ross

The Alabama Sports Festival is giving an Academic Hall of Honor Scholarship. There are four objectives: Academic Excellence, Reversing Youth Crime & Delinquency, Fighting the War on Drugs, and Athletic Achievement. They will be awarding twenty \$750 scholarships. See Mr. Canley for more information.

Auburn University will be holding their annual MITE Program during the months of June and July. MITE is a week long program designed to give 11th and 12th grade minority students who have high academic achievements an exposure to college life and the fields of engineering. The program duration is one week. The program is fully funded and there is no cost to the student. See Mr. Canley.

## Sophomore Spotlight



Pictured above (l to r) are Heather Dubose, Tawana Rogers, and Lacy Nunn.

by Marsha Tillis & Jarrod Adkison

**Tawana Rogers** is the daughter of Tammy Rogers. She enjoys talking on the phone, watching TV, and babysitting. Tawana is a member of FBLA, Spanish Club, and Oak Grove Baptist Church.

**Lacy Nunn** is the daughter of Travis and Susan Nunn. She enjoys going out with friends and talking on the phone. Lacy is an active member of FBLA, FFA, and Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

**Shanna Boswell** is the daughter of John Boswell. She enjoys swimming and riding horses. Shanna is a member of FBLA.

**Heather Dubose** is the daughter of Jimmy and Beth Dubose. She enjoys water-skiing and aerobics. Heather is an active member of Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta, Girl Scout Troop #300, FFA, and FBLA. She attends New Haven Baptist Church.

## 1996 Miss Elbala Winners



The 1996 Miss Elbala winners are pictured above. They are (l to r): Misty Kelley, 2nd runner-up; Britany McCall, winner; and Regina Austin, 1st runner-up.

by Griffin Shirley

The 1995-96 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Jr. High Basketball teams finished the season with impressive wins. The teams played in the 1996 Coffee County Junior High basketball tournament with a chance to reign as county champions. The 9th grade started the tournament off with a disappointing loss to Dauphin, but battled back to win two games over Kingston and New Brockton to claim 3rd place in the tournament. The 7th and 8th grade teams had a clean sweep with big wins over Dauphin and New Brockton to capture 1st place in the county tournament. All the teams are to be commended for their hard work.



Pictured above are the 1996 Junior Miss Elbala winners. They are (l to r): Vaughan, 1st runner-up; Kendra Vaughan, winner; and Deionne Flowers, 2nd runner-up.

## Zion Chapel Elementary SGA



Pictured above (l-r): front row - Brooke Stinson, Britany Dismukes, Cory Barr; Hannah Manning; Back Row - Adam Carter, Abe Childs, Heather Sanders, Heath Killingsworth, Amanda Perry, Tracy Banks, Eric Ellis, Anna Edmondson.

by Shay Nelson

There are representatives from each class and grade in the elementary school. Third grade representatives are Heath Killingsworth, Erica Ellis, and Anna Edmondson. Second grade representatives are Abe Childs and Heather Sanders. First grade representatives are Hannah Manning, Adam Carter, and Erica Lewis. Kindergarten representatives are Britany Dismukes, Cory Barr, and Brooke Stinson. Each representative was elected by their class.

## ZC Students Involved In Monitoring Water

by Amy Jackson

Students participating in a water-quality monitoring program in southeast Alabama are doing their part to protect the environment and are learning how to protect their water supply.

Zion Chapel High School students in Jackie Jimmigh's science classes are among dozens of volunteers who are helping monitor water in the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers watershed. Millions of tons of soil are being swept into southeast Alabama's waterways, but conservation measures are helping to improve existing conditions by serving to prevent damage to fish and other aquatic life.

A three-year water-quality monitoring program, administered by the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPRWMA), in association with the Center for Environmental Research and Service at Troy State University, indicates that the overall quality of water in the 10-county area of the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers watershed is generally good, but could decline if necessary levels in the future.

The program was initiated in 1993 by the CPWMA, an agency of the State of Alabama, to determine surface-water quality in the 10 southeastern Alabama counties of the Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers watershed. More than 100 sites across the watershed were sampled by both professional researchers and water quality volunteers. Trained volunteers test water samples for six parameters including dissolved oxygen, turbidity, acidity, pH, a longer list of parameters including nutrients and suspended solids are being measured by Troy State University staff and students.

Jarrod D. Massey, executive director of the authority, said the program's preliminary results give all interested parties a baseline of information for use in the future to determine if water quality conditions are improving, or if attention needs to be devoted to specific areas or specific practices.

"Prior to this comprehensive effort by the authority, there was little information available regarding the water quality in our watershed," Mr. Massey said. "The monitoring performed gives us site-specific data that will assist us in maintaining good water quality in the area, and that will also allow us to substantially improve current conditions."

Mike Mullen, research coordinator and assistant director of the Center for Environmental Research and Service at Troy State University, said his greatest concern involves the sediment load in our waterways which is reflected basin wide.

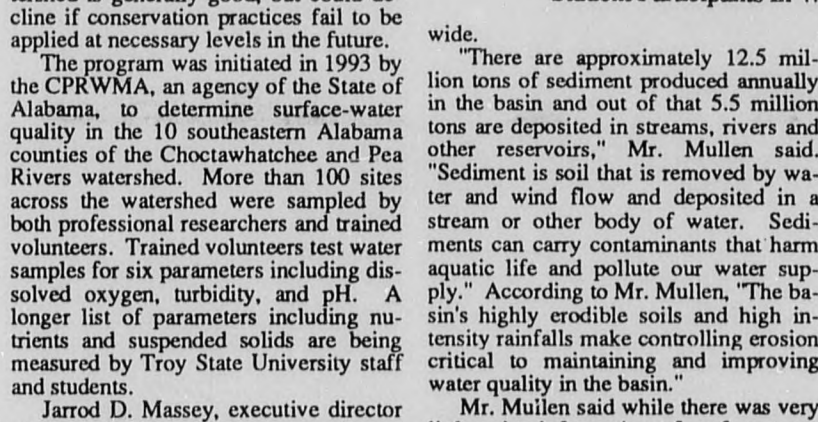
"There are approximately 12.5 million tons of sediment produced annually in the basin and out of that 5.5 million tons are deposited in streams, rivers and other reservoirs," Mr. Mullen said. "Sediment is soil that is removed by water and wind flow and deposited in a stream or other body of water. Sediments can carry contaminants that harm aquatic life and pollute our water supply." According to Mr. Mullen, "The basin's highly erodible soils and high intensity rainfall make controlling erosion critical to maintaining and improving water quality in the basin."

Mr. Mullen said while there was very little prior information of surface-water quality in the watershed area, he's sure the water quality is far better than it was 20 years ago when conservation practices were not as widely applied as they are currently.

"Almost half of the sediment in the basin is the result of runoff from dirt roads and pullies," Mr. Mullen said. "However, agricultural cropland and urban areas do contribute to the sediment problem as well," he said.

Mr. Massey said, "Conservation practices designed to control erosion have helped significantly." For example, farmers are increasingly taking advantage of improved farming techniques. This extends itself to better management of our water resources and all natural resources."

Federal and state governments are



Student Participants In Water Monitoring Project

relying more on local monitoring efforts to see that areas comply with the Clean Water Act and other legislation passed by Congress in recent years, Mr. Massey said. "Thanks to information gathered during water-quality monitoring projects, we should be able to make more informed decisions about water quality or quantity by the year 2000," he said.

The Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers watershed includes land in Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties.

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Friday - Teacher In-Service

**LUNCH**  
Monday - Spaghetti or Grill Chicken, English Peas, Green Salad, Rolls, Cookie, Fruit, Milk  
Tuesday - Chili or Beef Cheese Nachos, Crackers, Pudding, Cook Slaw, Baked Potato, Fruit, Milk  
Wednesday - Barbecue Sandwich or Fried Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, Jelly, Fruit, Milk  
Thursday - Taco Salad or Pizza, Carrot Sticks, Tater Tots, Honey Bun, Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Teacher In-Service

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## FBLA's Give Your Heart...

by Amanda Williams & Kim Brown

Healthy babies is the issue for the Zion Chapel Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) on Valentine's Day this year.

FBLA members will be selling Valentine's hearts for \$1 each to the community. The hearts will be displayed in the halls of the high school with each donor's name printed on the heart. The hearts are pink and red for Valentine's Day and blue and yellow for the FBLA. Blue and yellow are FBLA colors. The hearts are on sale until Valentine's Day. Each FBLA member is asked to sell at least five hearts. The person who sells the most hearts will be given a prize.

All the donations will go to the March of Dimes to use for research. If you would like to purchase a heart, contact the Zion Chapel High School or any Zion Chapel FBLA member.

This project was planned for Christmas and toy soldiers were going to be used. This was reported in the paper but a crowded schedule caused the project to be canceled. However those faithful FBLA supporters who already sent their money will get a heart.



FBLA members Chuck Mitchell, Billie Jo Sanders, and Kim Brown cut on construction paper hearts to be used in the Chapter's Heart Project for the March of Dimes.

## \* \* Rebel Band News \* \*

by Shay Nelson

Many of the Zion Chapel High School Band members are involved with band related activities. Some have been honored as outstanding musicians. Some play for the basketball games. Some even play their instruments for local church. The students that played were Shasta Simmons, Tessa Hall, Chastity Weed, Morgan Hodge, Jessy Nelson, Beth Leavett, Becki Saville, Teresa students have to play all twelve major scales, two minor scales, a chromatic scale, two prepared pieces, and eight reading. Tessa earned second chair and made Red Band Sr. High All-State. Danielle earned sixth chair and made Blue Band Sr. High All-State. They tried out at Laverne High School on January 20. District Honor Band was held January 26-27 at Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula. They will participate with the All-State Band in March. This will be held in Auburn. When they get to Auburn they will try out again for their positions.

If you have been to a Zion Chapel home varsity basketball game, you have heard three of the members of the band play the National Anthem. These three are Tessa Hall, Beth Leavett, and Danielle Richards. Tessa and Danielle play the trumpet while Beth plays the baritone saxophone.

The jazz band was asked to play at a talent showcase at a local church, the Ino Baptist Church. The students that played were Shasta Simmons, Tessa Hall, Chastity Weed, Morgan Hodge, Jessy Nelson, Beth Leavett, Becki Saville, Teresa students have to play all twelve major scales, two minor scales, a chromatic scale, two prepared pieces, and eight reading. Tessa earned second chair and made Red Band Sr. High All-State. Danielle earned sixth chair and made Blue Band Sr. High All-State. They tried out at Laverne High School on January 20. District Honor Band was held January 26-27 at Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula. They will participate with the All-State Band in March. This will be held in Auburn. When they get to Auburn they will try out again for their positions.

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Pictured above are (l-r): Tessa Hall and Danielle Richards.

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Friday - Teacher In-Service

**LUNCH**  
Monday - Tuna Salad, Butterbeans, Corn, Crackers, Dessert, Milk  
Tuesday - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, French Fries, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk  
Wednesday - Hamburger Helper, English Peas, Green Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk  
Thursday - Hotdog, Potato Tots, Field Peas, Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Teacher In-Service

## Question Of The Week

by Leray Smedley & Eddie Cowen

What do you think about next year's block schedule?

John Robinson: "I really don't care cause I'll be gone."

Stephanie Williams: "I think Elba is making too many changes. First snack prices and now class times. Maybe in '98 we'll have a dress code."

Doug Grimes: "Pretty stupid."

Marcee Tiller: "The block schedule might block me from graduating."

Tawana Rogers: "It will have its advantages. I'm just worried about the disadvantages."

Melissa Welch: "I don't like it because classes will be longer and boring."

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## Whatever... by Whomever

February 13: A blood drive will be held at Elba High School in the practice gym from 8:30 till 2:30.

February 15: The seniors vs the faculty basketball game will be held during 6th period.

February 16: The students will be out of school for teacher in-service day.

## Honor Band

by Melissa Hall

On January 26 & 27, 1996, Daniel Ward and Casey Henderson attended the District 8 Honor Band. They auditioned at Laverne High School on January 20, 1996 and were scored on various things. From this audition, they were selected for the Honor Band. The District 8 Honor Band is made up of the best players in Southeast Alabama in District 8. Daniel and Casey traveled to the Lakepoint Resort in Eufaula where the Honor Band was being held. They practiced all day Friday and all day Saturday to prepare for a concert that was later given Saturday afternoon. The Honor Band was conducted by Miss Carla Galabin. Daniel was the second chair snare drummer and Casey was the fourth chair baritone player. They both had a wonderful time and encourage other band members to try out for the Honor Band next year.

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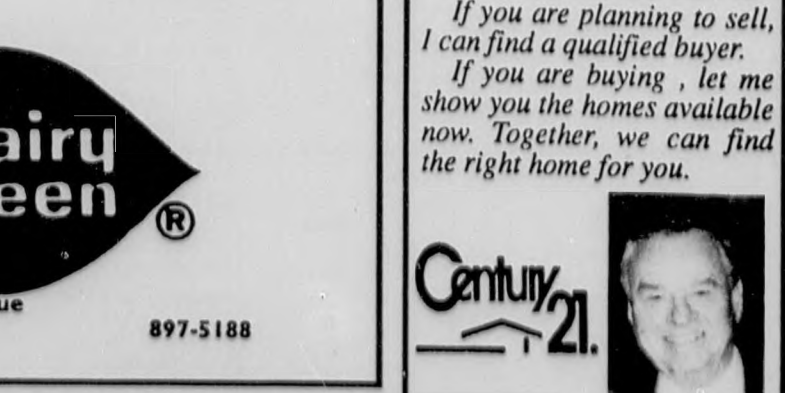


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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie, our youngest daughter, turned seven-year-old over the weekend, and to celebrate her birthday we agreed to let her have a spend the night party for a few of her friends. Well, as the day arrived, the number of little girls coming to the house with their sleeping bags kept growing and growing, and by the time the party started eighteen young ladies had joined the family for the night. The girls all behaved well, and actually got along with each other until they all fell asleep. It wasn't the type of party you'd want to have every weekend, however, I'll admit it was a fun night, even for Mom, Dad and big sister.

## ELBA TIGERS MAY FINALLY BE HITTING STRIDE

The Elba Tigers played their best half of the season last week in a losing effort against 6A Enterprise and then played their best overall game in weeks Friday night in a lopsided win over 5A Opp, giving Tiger fans hope that Elba is finally hitting its stride late in the season and could actually make a run at the area title.

Elba was dominated from the opening tip against Enterprise in the opening two quarters and found itself down by 21-points at halftime, but came out in the second half playing like it had early in the season and used its quickness to chop away at the Wildcat lead. The Tigers got as close as three-points in the final minute and appeared to pull even on a three-pointer by Leray Smedley, only to see the shot roll around the goal and then somehow roll out, as Enterprise held on for the win. It was a loss that hurt the Tigers, especially since they had fought back so hard after being almost blown out of the gym in the first half. It hurt, but losses are supposed to hurt, and it apparently made the players more determined than ever to get a win.

That determination was evident Friday night as Elba blistered the nets for 29 first quarter points to open up a big lead and then coasted in with an easy win over the Opp Bobcats. Opp had been playing well in recent weeks and was expected to give the Tigers problems, but it was never a contest as Elba jumped ahead early and was never threatened. The win over Opp, in Opp, was one of the biggest of the season for Elba, as the players proved to themselves that they are indeed a good basketball team that plays well, and wins on the road against a solid opponent. It was a win the Tigers badly needed, and one that got in convincing fashion.

While the Tigers' record is nothing to brag about, Elba has proven in its last three games that there is still a lot of life in this team. The Tigers whipped Luverne for an area win, staged their second half rally against Enterprise and then buried Opp. If the Tigers can build on this late-season success, they could very well make a trip to the Regional Tournament at Troy State for the third straight year!

## IT'S TOURNAMENT TIME FOR AREA TEAMS

The regular season will come to an end this week and that can mean only one thing - it's "Tournament Time" for all the teams across the state. While three of the area teams are in the same tournament and will knock each other out of post-season action, it will still be an exciting time for the players and their fans. Here's a quick look at what to expect...

**"NEW BROCKTON** is the #1 seed in the Class 1A, Area 3 Tournament, to be held in New Brockton, and the Gamecocks may be playing their best basketball of the season at just the right time. New Brockton isn't blessed with a lot of size inside; however, the Gamecocks have as much quickness as any team in the state in any class, and their defense can cause fits for any opponent. The four-count playing Gamecocks can be effective on offense, their defense could carry them a long way.

**"KINSTON** hasn't exactly closed the season with a rush, but the Bulldogs are still one of the best 1A teams around, and could very well carry the area championship trophy off the court next week. The Bulldogs have good size inside and excellent outside shooters, but have shown a habit of knocking off for a few minutes in crucial games, and it has proven fatal. If Kinston will play hard for all thirty-two minutes it could still be the team to beat.

**"ZION CHAPEL** has a starting five that can play with anyone and is perhaps as dangerous as any one in its area. The Rebels don't go to the boards well, but they do have quickness all over the court and can cause an opponent problems on both offense and defense. The Rebels' weakness this season has been depth, and they have shown more than a couple of times that when they get tired early, opponents often rally late and steal wins. If Zion Chapel can race itself and save something for the final few minutes, they could surprise some folks and leave some opposing players and fans mighty disappointed.

**"BRANTLEY** got shelled by Goshen for the third time last week, but the Bulldogs believe that when the journey starts it's their time to shine, and both the coaches and players believe that they have a real shot at winning a fourth straight state title. The Bulldogs are not real big inside, don't possess any dangerous outside shooters and really don't handle the ball all that well. However, they do play with a very high level of confidence and that can carry the Bulldogs a long way. A trip to Troy State appears likely, but another state title seems a little far fetched.

## ELBA FOOTBALL BANQUET ONE TO REMEMBER

Elba High School held its annual "Football Awards Banquet" last week and it was a special banquet in many ways, and one that everyone in attendance will long remember. Troy State's Coach Larry Blakeney was the featured speaker and did an excellent job as he spoke of former Elba players that had excelled at Elba, and delivered a message to both players and parents that hit its mark.

Elba's Coach David Lowery recognized the coaches and players, and gave special recognition to the seniors, who led the Tigers to an 8-3 record and a spot in the state football playoffs. Individual awards were not presented, as is a tradition at Elba High, but team captains were named and it was a fitting event that honored the student-athletes at Elba High.

What made the evening special, and one to remember, was the presence of Shandez Daniels, an Elba student-athlete that was left paralyzed from an injury suffered in the final regular season game of the year. Daniels, known as "Shank" to his many friends, was in his wheel-chair and was breathing with the help of a tube connected to a respirator; however, there was no doubt that it was Shank that was present, as he smiled when greeted by friends, and cried when overcome by emotion on the very emotional night. The body of this special young man may be inactive, but his personality, his mind, and especially his heart are still active, and Thursday night he was still the same ole Shank to his friends at the banquet.

## IN CLOSING...PERSONAL, PLEASE...

Elba High School lost one of its biggest supporters, and hundreds of people in Elba, Coffee County and all across South Alabama lost one of their best friends last week when Ammie Jean McKinnon passed away unexpectedly at the age of 53. This very special woman, mother and friend could be seen at athletic events involving Elba High School all across the state, and in recent years traveled across the nation watching her youngest son, Ronald, lead his college team to three straight national championships. Mrs. McKinnon lost a leg early in life and needed crutches to get around, but never asked for any special treatment and looked at her physical limitations as a challenge, and not a handicap. I can remember back to last summer when she made the trip to Tallahassee, Florida, to watch her youngest daughter, Roschanda, compete in a softball tournament, and was more concerned about the well-being of a woman in a wheel-chair than she was about getting around on crutches on muddy ground. After the journey, she drove back for another Mom in attendance that was too tired to handle the long drive back home, and never once complained.

I could tell many, many other stories about Mrs. McKinnon that occurred during her trips watching her children compete in athletics, but they all tell the same story about a very special person that touched the lives of so many people that were lucky enough to have known her. I know that Mrs. McKinnon is in a much better place and no longer needs crutches to help her get around, but I will miss her, and so will everyone else that ever knew her. We all lost a special friend, but gained a special angel that I know will always be around to keep an eye on her many friends as we continue our journey through life.

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## SPORTS

## Tigers score 29 points in opening quarter

## Elba explodes early to bury Bobcats 68-56

The Elba Tigers grabbed a big early lead and never let up Friday night as they coasted to an impressive 68-56 win over the Opp Bobcats, in Opp.

The win improved Elba's record to 6-10, while Opp slipped to 7-16 with the loss.

The Tigers opened the game aggressive on both ends of the court and totally grabbed command of the contest as Chris Tyson, Michael Reed sparked Elba to a 29-15 advantage.

The Tigers continued their onslaught in the second stanza and pulled out to a whopping 46-24 halftime lead, then let everyone in on the fun in the second half as they easily held on to post the impressive 68-56 win.

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Jackson scored 14 for the Bobcats.

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Elba (68): Davis 3, Smedley 8, Daniels 5, Robinson 2, Rowe 16, Rayborn 2, Reed 11, Tyson 21.

Opp (56): Burgess 3, Jackson 14, Flynn 3, Black 2, Bucklew 1, Norris 8, Head 11, Peacock 10, Tyson 3.

(B GAME)  
The Elba B team never found its shooting touch as it lost to Opp 28-23, Friday night.

D'Undray Peterson scored 12 points to lead Elba.

Opp (28): Smith 8, Horstead 13, Anderson 5, Stanley 2.

Elba (23): K. Mitchell 4, Ware 5, Davis 2, Peterson 12.

E'prise (62): Wilson 11, Wilkerson 6, Coffee 8, Cotter 7, Wheeler 29, White 1.

Elba (58): Smedley 12, Daniels 5, Tyson 6, Rowe 19, Rayborn 2, Reed 4.

(B GAME)  
The Elba B team continued its winning ways with a 46-40 win over Enterprise.

The Tigers were led in scoring by Tim Ware with 14 points and Julian Mitchell with 10.

Elba (46): Jordan 6, K. Mitchell 2, J. Mitchell 10, Davis 6, Peterson 5, Ware 14, Duncan 3, Ware 14.

E'prise (40): Abernathy 4, Smith 14, Hagler 6, Jolley 2, Bowden 2, Willette 6, Andrews 6.

The Class 3A, Area 4 Basketball Tournament will be held next week at the Louisville High School gym, and on paper it looks like a battle to finish as the runner-up behind the highly-touted Louisville Red Devils.

The tournament will open on Tuesday, Feb. 13, with Elba meeting Luverne at 7:00, and the winner advancing to the finals, Wednesday, Feb. 14, against Louisville.

Louisville swept past its area opponents by an average of over 40 points per game to earn the top seed in the tournament with a 4-0 record, while Elba and Luverne shared the #2 seed with identical 1-3 marks.

Elba and Luverne split their two meetings, with both teams winning big at home, making their first round match-up a toss-up.

While the clash between the Tigers from Elba and Luverne may be a heated contest, look for Louisville to easily claim the tournament crown and the home court advantage in sub-regional action.

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The Mavericks pulled away in the second half to down the Rockets 35-14. The Mavericks led only 11-7 at the half, but pulled away in the final two quarters to claim the win.

Scoring for the Mavericks were Jonathan Barton 17, Derrick Brooks 11, Chad Barbee 2, Cole Davis 2, Jason Curran 2 and Justin Allen 1.

Scoring for the Rockets were Alan Head 10, Chris Eiland 2 and Hunter Branch 2.

The Heat pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat the Nets 33-28. The Heat jumped out to a 17-5 halftime lead, but had to hold on late to claim the win.

Scoring for the Heat were Terrence Kyles 14, Julius Smith 6, Brandon Wade 6, Zol Daniels 5 and Timothy Andrews 2.

Scoring for the Nets were Joshua Moultry 8, Michael Sams 6, Larry Conley 6, John Mitchell 4, Derrell Burks 3 and Avrian Stoudenmire 1.

Scoring for the Raptors were Rachel Bludworth, Devin Kilecrease and Samantha Williams, while scoring for the Hornets were Casey Skinner and Shawntay Stephens.

Scoring for the Nets were Joshua Moultry 8, Michael Sams 6, Larry Conley 6, John Mitchell 4, Derrell Burks 3 and Avrian Stoudenmire 1.



**SENIOR CHEERLEADERS...**The senior members of the Elba Tiger cheerleading squad for the 1995-96 year include (l-r) Jill Martin, Emily Crowe, Destiny Brown and Anna Stokes.

## Trio of county teams in 1A, Area 3 tourney

The Class 1A, Area 3 Boy's Basketball Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, next week at the New Brockton High School gym, with five teams competing in what appears to be a very evenly matched field.

The tourney will begin on Friday, Feb. 9, with Zion Chapel meeting McKenzie at 7:00. Semi-final action will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, with Kinston and Pleasant Home battling at 6:00, to be followed at 7:30 by the clash between New Brockton and the Zion Chapel-McKenzie winner. The finals will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00.

"We have the #1 seed and are glad to be playing at home," said New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher, "but any of the five teams could win the tourney and it is truly an evenly matched tournament."

"Pleasant Home is a darkhorse in the field," said Coach Thrasher, "but is an excellent team and has no weaknesses, while McKenzie has as many abilities as any team in the tournament. Kinston has proven it can beat anybody on any given night, and Zion Chapel is dangerous any time it takes the court. Out of our seven area wins, five have been by seven points or less, which shows the balance throughout the field."

"We have been playing better as the season has progressed," added Thrasher, "and hope to play well in the tournament. We know we'll have to play well to win the tourney, and also know we'll have to play well just to make it to the field."

"This is a wide-open tournament," said Thrasher, "and it should be a good tourney for the fans to watch."

New Brockton is a solid favorite in the five-team event, but the winner of the Kinston-Pleasant Home clash will definitely have shot against the Gamecocks in the final round.

The Girl's Area 3 Tournament will begin at New Brockton, but will then move to Pleasant Home for the semi-finals and finals.

The tourney will open on Friday, Feb. 9, at New Brockton, when Zion Chapel meets McKenzie, while the semi-finals will be held at Pleasant Home, as will the finals.

Named as participants: "Team Captains" for the 1995 season were Rudy Free, Todd Hooks, Chris Tyson and Shandez Daniels.

Special awards were presented to six players that had perfect attendance during pre-season drills. The six players included Curtis Kelley, D'Undray Peterson, Leray Smedley, Rudy Free, Cedric Howe and Shandez Daniels.

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Following the banquet, the regional, Goshen has been kept out of the state tourney the past couple of years by us, but they have one of the finest teams in the state this season, and have defeated us three times. Clayton beat us at its gym and is a dangerous team, despite its record, and Highland Home gives it all it has every time it takes to the court."

"We have been slowed by injuries to key players for much of the season," added Stallworth, "but we are playing pretty well right now and are looking forward to playing in the tournament. Our seniors will serve as inspirational leaders for our younger players, and we hope we can step it up a notch and look like the Brantley of years past."

The tourney will open on Monday, Feb. 12, with Goshen meeting Highland Home at 6:00, to be followed at 7:30 by the game between Brantley and Clayton. The winners will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00.

"This will be an interesting tournament," said Brantley's Coach Tony Stallworth, "and on paper it looks like three teams have solid shots at making it on to the sub-regional action."

The Brantley Bulldogs found the third time to be no charm last Tuesday night as they traveled to Goshen and came home stinging after suffering a 92-68 loss to the top-ranked Eagles.

Moreo Jones scored 13 points to lead the (12-5) Bulldogs, which have lost to the Eagles three times during the regular season. Pete Hill added 12 points for Brantley, while Austin Cawley scored 11 and Ed Burnett added 10. Antrone Rogers scored 23 points to lead the (30-1) Eagles.

The Zion Chapel Rebels could never get their offense in gear last Tuesday night as the Arton Purple Cats defeated the Rebels 63-49, in Arton. Andre Flowers scored 17 points and Shane Bragg added 10 for the (5-10) Rebels, while Kenny Sanders scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the (9-8) Purple Cats.

The Geneva County Bulldogs outscored New Brockton 8-1 in the final minute of play Thursday night to claim a hard fought 48-41 win over the Gamecocks, in Hartford.

Adam Barr scored 17 points and Andrea Medley added 11 for the (16-8) Gamecocks, while Leroy Freyer and Chris Robinson both scored 9 points for the (15-2) Bulldogs.

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## Shandez Daniels joins Tiger teammates

## Elba Tigers honored at football awards banquet

The student-athletes involved in the football program at Elba High School were honored Thursday night, Feb. 1, when the school hosted its annual "Football Awards Banquet."

Elba Athletic Club president Larry Grantham welcomed the large crowd to the annual event, and following the invocation by team member Curtis Kelley, the gathering enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the staff at the Elba High Cafeteria.

The guest speaker for the banquet was Troy State head football coach Larry Blakeney, who in five years at the Trojan helm has guided Troy State into one of the elite teams in NCAA Division 1AA.

Coach Blakeney praised the efforts of former Elba Tiger Jackie Stoudenmire, who recently completed his senior year as a member of the Troy State football team, and also spoke of former Elba players Bryce Phillips and Bo Boyd, both of whom joined the Trojan program.

"I have coached football for twenty-six years in Alabama," said Blakeney, "and feel fortunate to have been able to remain in Alabama throughout my career. While I have coached twenty-six years, it hasn't been the hardest job I've ever had. The hardest job in the world is being a parent. You as parents need to be parents to your children, and you as kids need to listen to your parents and learn from their years of experience."

Blakeney also told the youth to set their goals high, have a plan and work hard to reach that goal.

"By setting your goals high, even if you fall just a little short, you will still be far above the rest of the people that never set goals, or have plans to reach those goals."

Elba High cheerleader sponsor Susan Barnes presented awards to the members of the 1995-96 squad. Squad members included seniors Anna Stokes, Emily Crowe, Jill Martin and Destiny Brown, juniors Chastity Williams and Melissa Benbow, and sophomores Bonnie Vaughan, Kerry Kelley, Shannon Lott and Anna Head. Mascot Lindsey Jared, an eighth-grader, also received an award.

The cheerleaders presented Mrs. Barnes with a gift, then presented a twelve-minute slide show that highlighted the 1995 football season.

Elba's Coach David Lowery presented plaques to nine freshmen, ten sophomores and twelve juniors, as well as fourteen seniors.

The senior members of the team included Carl Alexander, Sterling Jones, Chris Tyson, Leray Smedley, Griffin Shirley, Brian Rowe, Todd Hooks, Curtis Kelley, Eddie Cowen, Nickie Semonelle, Nycoma Coleman, Jamie Holley, Rudy Free and Shandez Daniels.

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The tourney will open on Monday, Feb. 12, with Goshen meeting Highland Home at 6:00, to be followed at 7:30 by the game between Brantley and Clayton. The winners will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00.

"This will be an interesting tournament," said Brantley's Coach Tony Stallworth, "and on paper it looks like three teams have solid shots at making it on to the sub-regional action."

The Brantley Bulldogs found the third time to be no charm last Tuesday night as they traveled to Goshen and came home stinging after suffering a 92-68 loss to the top-ranked Eagles.

Moreo Jones scored 13 points to lead the (12-5) Bulldogs, which have lost to the Eagles three times during the regular season. Pete Hill added 12 points for Brantley, while Austin Cawley scored 11 and Ed Burnett added 10. Antrone Rogers scored 23 points to lead the (30-1) Eagles.

The Zion Chapel Rebels could never get their offense in gear last Tuesday night as the Arton Purple Cats defeated the Rebels 63-49, in Arton. Andre Flowers scored 17 points and Shane Bragg added 10 for the (5-10) Rebels, while Kenny Sanders scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the (9-8) Purple Cats.

The Geneva County Bulldogs outscored New Brockton 8-1 in the final minute of play Thursday night to claim a hard fought 48-41 win over the Gamecocks, in Hartford.

Adam Barr scored 17 points and Andrea Medley added 11 for the (16-8) Gamecocks, while Leroy Freyer and Chris Robinson both scored 9 points for the (15-2) Bulldogs.

The Class 1A, Area 3 Boy's Basketball Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, next week at the New Brockton High School gym, with five teams competing in what appears to be a very evenly matched field.

The tourney will begin on Friday, Feb. 9, with Zion Chapel meeting McKenzie at 7:00. Semi-final action will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, with Kinston and Pleasant Home battling at 6:00, to be followed at 7:30 by the clash between New Brockton and the Zion Chapel-McKenzie winner. The finals will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:00.

"We have the #1 seed and are glad to be playing at home," said New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher, "but any of the five teams could win the tourney and it is truly an evenly matched tournament."

"Pleasant Home is a darkhorse in the field," said Coach Thrasher, "but is an excellent team and has no weaknesses, while McKenzie has as many abilities as any team in the tournament. Kinston has proven it can beat anybody on any given night, and Zion Chapel is dangerous any time it takes the court. Out of our seven area wins, five have been by seven points or less, which shows the balance throughout the field."

"We have been playing better as the season has progressed," added Thrasher, "and hope to play well in the tournament. We know we'll have to play well to win the tourney, and also know we'll have to play well just to make it to the field."

"This is a wide-open tournament," said Thrasher, "and it should be a good tourney for the fans to watch."

New Brockton is a solid favorite in the five-team event, but the winner of the Kinston-Pleasant Home clash will definitely have shot against the Gamecocks in the final round.

The Girl's Area 3 Tournament will begin at New Brockton, but will then move to Pleasant Home for the semi-finals and finals.

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## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Default having been made in the payment of the mortgage secured by the certain Real Estate Mortgage executed by Jesse G. Murphy (now deceased) and Maxine Murphy, husband and wife, to the United States of America, United States Department of Agriculture, acting by and through the Farmers Home Administration, in and for the County of Coffee, Alabama, dated January 17, 1979, and filed for record on January 17, 1979, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 67-A, beginning at Page 193, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned South Trust Bank of Alabama, National Association, as successor in interest to First National Bank of Opp, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry, the certain real estate described in the mortgage, to-wit:

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Under the direction of Henry H. Terry, an Elba native, the Carver Senior High Choir will be in concert at the Elba United Methodist Church Sunday, February 11 at 4:00 in the afternoon. The public is invited to this concert. A 1982 graduate of Elba High School, Terry has been very successful in developing the music department at Carver High. Last year he received a "Class Act" award from WSAF-TV station. The choir's repertoire includes a variety of styles encompassing all periods of music. The choir has become especially noted for its accurate performances of music by African-American composers. Willie M. Vincent, Jr. is the choir's accompanist. The public is invited to this performance at the Elba United Methodist Church, Rev. Alton Moore, pastor.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Robert Paul  
Elba First Baptist Church

### True Success

Many people have the tendency to look for easy answers to every problem; they are searching for Easy Street. Ironically, there are many towns that have real Easy Streets. In Enterprise, Easy Street was once a thriving business section of town. Today it is fronted mostly by parking lots and warehouses. In Honolulu, Hawaii one must travel north on Pali Highway and turn right on Park Street before coming to Easy Street. Those who find Easy Street in Honolulu also find another truth about life. At the end of Easy Street there is a sign that reads "Dead End". True success comes when we begin to understand the price we must pay to achieve our goals. Consider the following formula for success:

Study. A world of ideas awaits the person who is willing to pay the price to discover them.

Understand. In order to be understood by others, one must first seek to understand.

Care. There are too many in our world who simply do not care.

Correct. Be willing to admit mistakes and take whatever steps are necessary to correct them.

Excel. Set high standards and strive to reach them. In a mediocre world it does not take much to show excellence.

Share. Put the needs of others before your own and recognize that your success is tied to the success of others.

Serve. Be willing to invest your life into the lives of others.

There is no Easy Street to success. But the price to be paid is well worth the effort!

Lowell Mason to perform at Enterprise First Assembly

International T.V. and recording artist, Lowell Mason, will be appearing at Enterprise First Assembly of God, 537 Bolt Weevil Circle, across from Wal-Mart on February 15, at 7:00 p.m.

This special program is open to the general public and will feature Gospel Music-Nashville Style along with a report on current events in Russia. There is no admission charge. A nursery will be provided. Pastor Hollis Bradley invites everyone to attend.

Deadline for Church News is MONDAY!!!!

Mustard Seed Foundation to hold gospel sing

A gospel singing will be held at the Mustard Seed Foundation Church featuring the New Covenant Singers on Saturday, December 17, 1996. Singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The church is located on Coffee County Road #211.

Valentine's Banquet to be held at New Ebenezer

A Valentine's Banquet will be held at New Ebenezer Baptist Church on February 17 at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Bill Stanley.

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